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DEATH.

On the 2nd April, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, JOHN MOSSOR, eldest son of JOHN MOSSOR, West End Lane, Ilamptead, and eldest grandson of the late ROBERT MOSSOR, of Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, aged 46 years.

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HONGKONG, SAT. APRIL, 1904

It is perhaps unprofitable, when only two months are gone of a war which is confidently expected by many expert observers to last a long time (at least two years according to some), to speculate what will happen in the event of the victory of one of the combatants. Nevertheless the consideration of the matter is not a little interesting. Not much guess-work has been devoted at present to a forecast of what would follow upon a Russian victory. This does not arise, we imagine, from the fact that no one considers such an occurrence impossible, for that it cannot well be said to be. Rather the speculators shrink from the contemplation of the events consequent upon Russia gaining her ends, in Manchuria and Korea. For any of the nations interested, in the maintenance of the "Open Door" and the integrity of China, a Russian win in the present contest would mean either the extinction of their hopes or determined intervention to stay Russia's hands. At such a prospect anyone belonging to these nations must be aghast, for which reason he is loth to dwell upon it. A Japanese victory, on the other hand, is not held to be fraught with disastrous circumstances to the other Powers interested in North China, and guesses at the future, should such be the result of the war, are consequently more pleasing to those who care to make them. There are not wanting those who prophesy that the supremacy of Japan in Korea at least will mean the gradual driving out of Western commerce, though they cannot deny that in Manchuria at least Japan's success means the foreign mer-

chants' gain. But there is an ultra-nationalist school, flourishing chiefly in Germany, less in France, but also to be traced in Britain and the United States, for which the cry of the "Yellow Peril" is still a terror. In some places perhaps Russian intrigue and Russian gold has something to do with the spread of the cry, but there must also be those who are sincerely terrified at it. All such speculations, however, look far ahead. It is more interesting to see, if possible, what Japanese opinion itself has to say on the subject; and by Japanese opinion we mean, of course, uninformed opinion, for the Japanese Government naturally has nothing to say on the subject beyond that it is fighting for the maintenance of the independence and integrity of China and Korea.

Even as to Japanese lay opinion indications are scanty. We have already published an article from the Japanese Socialist journal, the *Heimin Shinbun*, which gives what may be presumed to be the view obtaining among the Socialist party in Japan. This view, briefly, was that Japan should, if she is fighting a righteous war, look for no recompense in the shape of land in Manchuria or Siberia. Japan is advised to recognise China's authority over all Manchuria and to induce the other Powers to take the responsibility of guarding the province against Russian interference. On the other hand, a prominent leader of the Japanese Progressist party (whose views are strongly condemned by the *Heimin Shinbun*) was loudly applauded at a meeting of his party when he declared that Japan, if victorious, should take possession of the Manchurian divisions bordering on the Amur River, and also the Liaotung Peninsula. If such a statement is admissible, the Socialist paper declared, war is nothing but robbery and statesmen are robbers. These two views are extremes. We find a more moderate forecast in some remarks of "a leading member" of the Japanese Chamber of Deputies to an Italian journalist in Tokyo last month. The Japanese Deputy professed to be giving an outline of the terms of peace which he knew positively would be insisted upon by Japan, should she be successful. The principal points were as follows:

In the first place, Russia must renounce all exceptional claims in Manchuria, which shall be administered for a period to be determined upon by China under the advice of representatives of Japan, Great Britain, and the United States. Secondly, during this provisional period Japan will occupy the province, which will be opened up completely to international commerce. Russia shall cede to Japan the island of Sakhalin; Port Arthur, and the other ports of the Liaotung peninsula being returned to China. Lastly, in consideration of the foregoing stipulation being accepted, Japan would be willing to reimburse Russia the full extent of her outlay in constructing the Chino-Manchurian Railway. It is impossible, of course, on the strength of this conversation of a "leading member" of the Chamber of Deputies with a foreign journalist to base any definite theories as to Japan's intended policy; but there is nothing inherently improbable in the outline given, except for the reimbursement by Japan to Russia of her outlay on the Manchurian Railway. How could Japan do this after an exceedingly expensive, even if successful, war? As for the cession of Sakhalin, this was forcibly torn by Russia from Japan (in exchange for the worthless Kurile Islands), and it is only natural Japan should claim it back again if she now defeats Russia. The suggestions with regard to Manchuria are not unreasonable; but other Powers have no concern in the province, if small, beside the three mentioned, and might therefore be represented among China's advisers in the administration. The scheme, of course, is based on a complete victory for Japan, and as we have said, such speculations are more interesting than profitable for the moment.

The French Mail of the 8th March was delivered in London on the 7th inst.

A regular Convocation of the United Chapter No. 1341 E. C. will be held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when the installation of the three Principals by the District Grand Chapter will take place.

On p. 9 to-day appears the first chapter of our new serial story, *Lagden's Luck*, by Mr. Tom Gallon, author of *Tatterley* and a number of other very successful novels. *Lagden's Luck* will be continued in our columns next Saturday and will run for three months.

The Italian cruiser *Marco Polo* left for the Far East in March. It is reported that the French cruiser *Marsellaise* is also coming out, with reference to which a French service paper urges that the French home squadrons should be strengthened by the addition of the new cruisers now being completed before further warships are sent to the East.

According to a London telegram to Ceylon, Continental telegrams report an improvement in Russian feeling towards Great Britain, due to French influence.

A statement that General Gallieni, the Governor-General of Madagascar, would shortly replace M. Beau as Governor-General of Indo-China, is now declared to be unfounded. M. Beau, who was to have come to France on leave during the summer, has decided to remain in his post in consequence of the situation in the Far East.

The death occurred in hospital at Shanghai on the 2nd inst. of Mr. John Mossor, who will be remembered here as having come up to the Public Works Department four years ago. He went to Shanghai as an architect on his own account in 1902. Deceased was prominent at smoking concerts and such entertainments when he was here. He was 46 years old when he died.

The rumour telegraphed from Askababad regarding the alleged poisoning of the Amir of Afghanistan is entirely misinterpreted by the Government of India. Letters from Kabul reached the Foreign Office a few days ago. All was then well with the Amir. In any case, it is improbable that the news of such an occurrence, even if it had happened, could reach Askababad before the Government of India had heard it.

L'Echo de Chine keeps up its campaign of mendacity and malice. It has sent a "special correspondent" to the seat of war, who has succeeded in penetrating to Tsingtao! The value of his information may be judged by his statement that the Japanese revolted their ships at Chefoo and Weihaiwei, a malicious lie (as the N.C. *Daily News* remarks) that should be nailed to the counter at once, and which the Editor should not have published after Lord Selborne's categorical denial.

Home papers announce that three more British military officers are being sent by the War Office to Japan. They proceed via Vancouver, via *Empress of India*, for Yokohama. They are: Captain Badham Thornhill, R.G.A., a well known and popular figure in Hongkong; Lieutenant Belton-Foster, R.G.A.; and Lieutenant Pigott, R.E. Yesterday the P. & O. ss. *Malta* brought to Hongkong, on their way north, Lieut.-Col. Tulloch, of the 126th Baluchistan Regiment, and Major P. E. Crawford, of the 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, who are to be military attachés to the Japanese army.

The most interesting event connected with the recent visit of the British Channel Fleet to Lisbon was the fact that the King of Portugal actually hoisted his flag as a British Admiral on board of a ship of the fleet, and was for the moment in command of a sea-going British fleet. For the occasion, Lord Charles Beresford, whose Vice-Admiral's flag flies in the *Cesar*, shifted over to the *Mars*, and as the King came on board the *Cesar*, his Admiral's flag and the Portuguese Royal Standard flew side by side.

The Naval and Military Record writes: It is to be hoped that the discussion on the gunsighting apparatus which recently took place in the House of Commons will give a fillip to the attention which has been too sparingly devoted to this subject during the last few years. Quite apart from the *Centurion* and *Barfleur*, whose sighting, particularly in regard to the 10-inch guns which form their primary armament, has been the chief theme of controversy in the Commons and in our columns, there is the broader question of the correct sighting of all classes of guns in all classes of ships throughout the British fleet. The subject needs to be thoroughly gone into by gunnery experts and shipbuilding representatives. Capt. Percy Scott, who might well head such a body, is at present in the Mediterranean carrying out an important series of long-range firing from the battleship *Venerable* and other vessels of Admiral Sir Compton Donville's squadron. If on his return such a body as has been indicated could be set to work and given a fairly free hand in designing and experimenting, it is impossible to believe that the gunnery and engineering scientists of this country would not be capable of evolving something which would be found considerably better than the present haphazard and "spatcock" systems.

On the 23rd February the following resolution was passed, by 215 votes to 40, by a meeting held in S. Petersburg by the Institute of Mining Engineers:—"In view of the fact that the war with Japan has its origin in a policy conceived solely in the interest of a small privileged minority, to the detriment of the vast majority of the Russian people, and that it is the result of that spirit of reckless adventure which characterises the enterprises of the Government in the Far East, we, the students of the Institute of Mining Engineers, taking our stand on the fundamental principle that it is our bounden duty to serve the interests of the people and not those of a handful of exploiters, hereby express our profound dissatisfaction with the Government, which is the responsible author of this fresh national misfortune, and our decided condemnation of the action of that section of the Russian youth whose pseudo-patriotic demonstrations are humble and loyal! Addresses have tended to help the realisation of the desire of the governing clique to dispose the masses in favour of a war which is at once inhuman and contrary to the interests of the people." The meeting was originally called to pass Resolutions in support of the Government, and for that reason 300 out of the 600 members of the Institute refused to attend.

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The *Times* Seoul correspondent describes the Japanese railway extensions as designed to allow of the holding of Corea in case of a military reverse in Manchuria.

H.M. first class cruiser *Andromeda*, Capt. R. O'Nanney, left Sheerness for Hongkong on the 12th ult. to relieve H.M.S. *Blenheim* on this station. She brings new crews for the *Moher* and *Teal*, which are to be recommissioned out here.

Messrs. Samuel, Samuel & Co., of Yokohama, a firm of which Sir Marcus Samuel is a partner, have subscribed £1,000 to the Japanese Soldiers' and Sailors' Widows and Families Fund now being raised in London by a committee, of which Viscountess Hayashi is at the head.

We are informed that a marriage has been arranged to take place on the 30th of April, between Mr. Charles Stewart Sharp, of Messrs. Gilb, Livingston & Co., Unofficial Member of Legislative Council in Hongkong, eldest surviving son of the late Dr. Hugh Sharp, M.R.C.S. of England, of Cullen, Banffshire, and Mrs. Burrows, widow of Mr. Henry Burrows, of Stockholm, Worksp, daughter of Mr. William Lenton, J.P., of Lime House, London.

A Chumbi (Sikkim) wire, dated the 21st ult., relates as an indication of the hardships to which the Tibet Mission has been exposed, the fact that of the 4,000 yaks originally collected not 600 remain alive, the remainder having died of fatigue, exposure, and disease. After blasting operations some rocks came down on a party of the 23rd Pioneers between Rinhotong and Yatang. Three men are reported dead. One subadar and two men were injured. After the day's work was over the party were collecting their tools when a great landslide took place. All the bodies have not yet been extricated. The landslide is supposed to be due to the action of the frost on the hill, which was weakened by road-making. A portion of the road was carried away.

The war in the Far East has led the French to look seriously at their position in the Far East. The *Temps* devotes a long article to the defense of Indo-China, in which it states the Ministry of the Colonies is asking for a credit of 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 of francs, in addition to the sum of 62,000,000 voted by the law of 1900 for the *points d'appui* for the fleet. With this sum the fortifications of Saigon are to be put in order. But, asks the *Temps*, is this sufficient? To construct works is good, but it is necessary to provide other things for war, and there are also barracks if the army is not to continue to suffer by disease. As a result of the bad quarters the men who are supposed to spend two years in Indo-China only perform 18 months on the average. It suggests that while the metropolitan government provides for the works, the Colony should see to the other requirements.

Commenting upon the Naval debate in the House of Commons, M. Alde Ebray remarks in the *Débat*:—Excellent thoughts were said on the character of cordiality assumed by Anglo-French relations. We are firmly confident that this character of cordiality will be maintained, and that the two Powers are not about to use their navies against one another. But France and England are not, as formerly, the only naval Powers. There are others, and very considerable ones—namely, Russia, Germany, Italy, the United States, and Japan. If the great complexity of political interests existing among these different Powers be taken into consideration, it will be seen how difficult it will be to effect a general limitation of naval armaments. It is more necessary for naval than for military forces that their limitation should be general in order to become possible. Hence we are not surprised that the British Admiralty does not show any hurry in taking an initiative in that direction.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe, the Band of the 3rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night:—
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Selection "The Rose of Persia" Sullivan
Canto Solo, "I'll Sing The Songs of Araby" Frederic Clay
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TELEGRAMS.

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THE ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT.

LONDON, 6th April.

It is declared on the highest authority in Paris that there is no hitch in the Anglo-French negotiations, and that all questions are now practically settled.

RUSSIA'S SINEWS OF WAR.

LONDON, 6th April.

The S. Petersburg Official Messenger notifies the decision of the Government to have recourse for the present to the so-called "fire cash reserve" for war expenditure, while retrenching in various directions, notably in the construction of railways. These retrenchments will aggregate £13,000,000.

V. R. C. SCRATCH RACES.

The following will be the crews for the forthcoming scratch races of the Victoria Recreation Club, which will be held on the 30th inst.—not on the 23rd inst., as previously announced:

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STATION NO. 2.—*Shamrock*.—C. E. A. Hance (stroke), D. F. Aucott, H. A. Seth, and H. M. Bain.

STATION NO. 3.—*Thistle*.—R. Witchell (stroke), F. P. Musso, A. G. V. Ribeiro, and J. H. Seth.

STATION NO. 4.—*Rose*.—S. M. Gidley (stroke), L. E. Lamerton, G. Cruickshank, and W. T. Andrews.

2ND RACE

STATION NO. 1.—*Thisle*.—L. A. Musso (stroke), H. J. W. Gidley, F. M. Roza Pereira, and T. C. Swaby.

STATION NO. 2.—*Rose*.—H. Rapp (stroke), H. C. Austin, J. P. Jordan, and J. D. Cameron.

STATION NO. 3.—*Shamrock*.—F. K. Tata (stroke), H. S. Holmes, A. V. Barros, and C. Humphreys.

THEATRE ROYAL.

On Monday night at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, Mr. M. B. Leavitt's Anglo-American Troubadours open a short season of vaudeville entertainment. Mr. Leavitt's name is well known on the Californian coast, and in addition he is recommended to Hongkong by the commendations of his Company which have appeared in the Indian, Rangoon, and Straits papers. The Company numbers twelve in all, and to judge by the criticisms which have appeared in our Southern contemporaries, there are no "make-weights." Hongkong is sure to welcome real talent at this period of the year, when entertainments in the Theatre are but few and far

cation who had expressed the hope that His Majesty's Government would endeavour, at the earliest possible moment, to bring about a cessation of the hostilities now in progress between Russia and Japan in the manner provided for by Article III. of The Hague Convention for the pacific settlement of International disputes. Lord Lansdowne in reply said His Majesty's Government fear that an offer such as the Association would apparently regard with favour could not usefully be made to the belligerents at the present time.

ARMY NOTES.

The Sherwood Foresters go to Singapore in October, when the West Kents, now at Colombo, come to Hongkong. The Manchester will leave Singapore.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Club in a friendly match with the Kowloon Docks on the Civil Service Ground commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp to-day.—P. T. Lambie, R. Witchell, W. H. Woolley, L. E. Brett, J. Devaney, F. T. Robins, W. Pitt, H. Gidley, W. T. Andrews, S. M. Gidley, and D. J. McKenzie.

The match V.R.C. v. Craigengower C. C. has been scratched by the former owing to their inability to raise a team.

CROWN COLONIES.

Sir West Ridgway, in an interesting paper on Ceylon, at the London Chamber of Commerce last month, called attention to a point which is a little apt to be overlooked by the general public—namely the value of the Crown Colonies to the Empire. So much is said about the self-governing Colonies that most people will be surprised to learn that in trade, revenue, and population, the Crown Colonies equal, or even surpass, all the self-governing Colonies put together. That comparison leaves altogether on one side our great dependency of India, which is by itself a huge empire. Sir West Ridgway went on to show that the Crown Colonies are not merely prosperous communities, but that they themselves contribute very greatly to the strength of the Empire that protects them. With the exception of Halifax, Esquimalt, and Simon's Bay, all our important naval stations are located in Crown Colonies, and in the majority of cases an appreciable contribution is made by the Colony to the cost of defending the station or maintaining the harbour. This chain of stations stretching round the globe adds incalculably to our naval power by providing points at which our ships can refit, or obtain coal or other supplies. In a word, the Crown Colonies, which we forgot even to think about us, are both strategically and commercially, of supreme importance to the Empire.

With these remarks we in Hongkong are not disposed to disagree.

RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS' VIEW OF THE WAR.

We reprinted yesterday a comment on the war which has appeared in a Japanese Socialist organ. A very different tone is assumed by the Russian socialist party, who condemn the war in the strongest terms. It is not in Russia, of course, that such views are allowed to be ventilated, but there is a considerable Russian Colony in Paris, and the following is a report of a meeting recently held by "a large section" of this colony:

CORRESPONDENCE.

S. J. ACTION NO. 442 OF 1904.

THE TAX ON INSURANCE EXCHANGE AND LOAN CO. LTD. V. FUND WAI SHAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

10, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 8th April.

Sir,—The attention of our clients, The Tak On Insurance Exchange and Loan Company, Limited, has been drawn to the report contained in your issue of the 6th inst. of this action, and in particular to the reported statements of Mr. Hastings, plaintiff's solicitor, to the effect that "this year, however, the Directors wrote him (the plaintiff) to the effect that as the business was greatly decreasing and there being fears of it not being able to be continued much longer, if he (the plaintiff) had a better situation to take up he was at liberty to go."

In the course of the hearing the plaintiff's solicitor produced the above letter and put it in and read what purported to be a translation thereof bearing out the above statement.

Upon the letter in question being translated by the Court Translator, however, it was certified to mean as follows—

"This is to respectfully inform you that at present we find your business getting very small recently, and this Company cannot employ you again. If you have better employment please select one, and draw at once \$15 as settlement of the 12th Moon's wages. This is to specially inform."

ME. WAI SHAN

"Kwai year 12th Moon 1st day 17-1-04.
CHOP."

Written by the various Directors."

The difference in meaning between the correct translation and the one produced by the plaintiff's solicitor is so obvious that in justice to ourselves our clients feel compelled to ask you to give publicity to this and so correct any erroneous impression of our clients' position and standing that may have been created by the statement above referred to.

Yours faithfully,

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON.

SHORTHAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 7th April.

Sir,—With reference to the letter which was published in this morning's *Daily Press* re Pitman's shorthand, will you kindly allow me to make a rejoinder as a first class graduate of the Pitman's system. To write shorthand intelligibly, it is very difficult—good natural ability and a tolerably good education are the essential qualifications of a proficient shorthand writer. That great parliamentary reporter, Charles Dickens, when he became a celebrated author, has not forgotten to inform the world through *David Copperfield* that "it is easier for a man to learn six Oriental languages than for him to learn shorthand." I shall not say it is so very hard, but the "proof of the pudding is in the eating." This letter is written without prejudice—I am not the author of "X.Y.Z." which was published by your evening contemporary, nor have I seen the article referred to as you know perfectly well that I always subscribe my name to all contributions submitted to you.—Yours, etc.

M. FERNANDEZ.

c/o Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 8th April.

Sir,—There is no royal road to learning shorthand. Whatever system is chosen, and personally I think Pitman's the best, requires a lot of persevering and regular study. In Mr. Peale's letter he states that he promised not to introduce his new system until after Sir Isaac Pitman's death. Really, that was very good of him, but quite unbusinesslike. I am informed that Mr. Peale, although he does not advertise it, requires pupils to bind themselves in thousands of dollars not to reveal his system to others. I would like to ask him if this has been his practice in Hongkong. If so, he seems to have thrown altruism over.—Yours, etc.

PATRONOSTER ROW.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 8th April.

Sir,—I have perused the correspondence which appeared in your issue this morning, signed by "Phonographer," and am glad that a Pitmanite has at last come to the fore to uphold the world-wide reputation of Pitman's system which Mr. Warwick Peale is trying his utmost to disparage.

I am a Pitmanite myself, and have known the system for over ten years, and I entirely concur with the views expressed by your correspondent.

The *Phonetic Journal* of 12th December, 1903, will throw some light on the question as to the achievements attained by some of the "Up-to-date Shorthand" students in India.

The following extract from the above Journal will, no doubt, be of further interest to phonographers, and, especially, to those who intend learning the new system so ably advertised.

A great amount of interest has been evoked in Bombay in the challenges issued by Mr. Moses Benjamin (Managing proprietor of the India Typewriting Company) as the Pitmanic champion and the representative of the system introduced in the East as the "Up-to-date shorthand," which is not unknown in this country as "Swiftograph." The local newspapers have contained some remarkable advertisements relative to feats achieved by native pupils with the new method, but these announcements are unfortunately considerably discounted by certain disclaimers from the individuals

themselves. One student referring to the advertisements which informed the public that he could write 120 words a minute says, "I regret to state (the announcement) is not what it is." Another student entering into more detail says, "I have passed eleven examinations of Up-to-date shorthand, and during this period I am supposed to write 100 words a minute which I am sorry to state is quite impossible for me as well as any student in my position." Yours faithfully,

PITMANITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 8th April.

Sir,—This morning's letter signed "phonographer" states he acquired a good knowledge of Pitman's in 6 months. It did not cost him £50. He could not do 100 words a minute in 6 months.

Now this is what several pupils of the "Up-to-date" system are doing in Hongkong.—With 2 weeks' teaching 60 words a minute; with 6 weeks' teaching, 120 words a minute; within 3 months, take the fastest speaker; and can read their notes equal to print, and transcribe in half the time of Pitman.

Surely, Sir, this is not a "silly" attempt to disparage Pitman's, but is based on actual achievements. How many pupils learning Pitman's are nearly 2, 3, and even 4 years in being able to write fairly well, and how many can read it when written? Is it reasonable to think that Pitman's had all the shorthand brains in the world, and that no one in the wide world over could invent something its superior within 68 years? Why are Pitmanites so jealous of this shorthand, and why do they attack all new systems? They don't like to learn that a 3 months' pupil can beat their 1 or 2 years' study. This prejudice will die in time. Your correspondent "Phonographer" concludes by giving his opinion that the only system anybody should learn is Pitman's. Who is "Phonographer"? What is his age? Is he wise and learned and experienced enough to give an opinion worth anything? What does he know of other systems, and a question still more to the point, he admits "he has no knowledge of Mr. Peale's system." Then what value is his letter?—I am Sir, etc.

WARWICK PEELE,
Principal.

"UP-TO-DATE" SHORTHAND.

In view of the correspondence which has arisen over the merits of various systems of shorthand writing, it is not without interest to see in what sort of headquarters the exponents of the "Up-to-date" system are quartered in Hongkong. A visit to Mr. Warwick Peale's Studio in Queen's Road, Central, will repay the trouble. The premises are large and airy, the more-or-less noisy type-writing and the shorthand studios being well apart. Tables are covered with green baize cloth, not at all trying to the eyes. Mr. Peale has invented clever, though rather curious-looking double chairs, specially adapted for use when imparting shorthand instruction. At present he is training a staff of five teachers, three of whom are ladies. When these are thoroughly versed in the respective branches of teaching for which they are intended, Mr. Peale says he will open branches at Canton and Shanghai. At present his teachers have only been under training for a fortnight, while six weeks altogether will be necessary. Mr. Peale is willing to allow them to be tested. One, a lady, after 11 days' study accomplished 40 words a minute; after 18 days, 60 words; after 28 days, 80 words; and she is now in the 120 words a minute speed-lesson. A retired colonel from a foreign service is professor of German, French, and Russian.

It is claimed that "Up-to-date" shorthand is easy to learn and easy to transcribe. There are no lines, or arbitrary signs, grammatical rules, or obtuse angles, nor any halting principle. The full course, too, only consists of 21 lessons. Type-writing is taught by the blind-touch system, new machines of the best makes being supplied for practice. Other subjects include book-keeping, arithmetic, memory-training, and business and social department. Mr. Peale gives a ten-minute lecture, to which the public are invited, every evening at 6.30. At present, including correspondence pupils, he states that he has over one hundred pupils.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

April 10th; 1st Sunday after Easter.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)

Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Farrant; Psalms, Wickes, Elvey, Monk, Felton and Elvey; Te Deum, Tourn in F.; Benedic, Langdon in F.; Anthem, "Awake up my Glory," Barnby; Offertory Hymns, 125 and 130.

Evensong (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Tallis; Psalms, Goss, Wickes, Croft, Crotch and Heathcote; Magnificat, Macfarren; Nunc Dimittis, Maender in D; Anthem, "They have taken away my Lord," Steiner; Hymns, 439 and 137; Vesper Hymn—Ward (No. 1).

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road West.

Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Venite, Humphreys; Te Deum, Jackson Jubilate, Crotchet; Hymns, 46, 138, 593, and 27.

Magnificat, Russell; Nunc Dimittis, Macfarren; Hymns, 49, 135, 595, and 55.

The Church launch *DaySpring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards.

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POLICE COURT.

Friday, 8th April.
BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP, (ACTING SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

ARE NEWSBOYS HAWKERS?

Mr. J. H. Kemp, Police Magistrate, convicted newsboys of the *Hongkong Telegraph* and *China Mail* for hawking newspapers, and bound them over in personal bonds of \$10 to come up for judgment when called upon. From enquiries we learn that in England newsboys do not come under the heading of "Hawkers" but they carry badges and are well under control. It will now be necessary for the Hongkongurchines to have hawkers' licences, on which their photographs will be pasted. For these they will be required to pay 50 cents a quarter. It has been alleged that newspaper boys here have become quite a nuisance, obstructing pedestrians when persistently offering their wares for sale. The vicinities of the Kowloon Ferry Landing, and Hongkong and King Edward Hotels are said to be localities where offences of this description are often to be seen. One big boy with several brothers, each of whom has a paper to sell, when competing with the numerous brothers or friends of other newspaper boys are said to be sometimes intolerable. The youngsters work on commission—three cents or three-and-a-half cents per copy.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A Chinaman with his head bandaged up and cloths torn stepped into the witness-box and charged three Celestials with assaulting him; He said he was a foreman stonecutter employed at the back of the Gas Works, Yau Ma Tei. The defendants had been digging earth. He told them to leave the ground more level, and charged three holes they had made. The first ruffian chopped him on the right side of his face; the second took up his pickaxe and struck him a blow on the head; and the third struck him a blow on the head, and the fourth struck him a blow with a bamboo pole. On of his *fokis* who tried to stop the attack was knocked down. The three men who had been arrested on the ballast works were, after further evidence found guilty and sentenced to pay \$25 each or go to six weeks' hard labour.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

Inspector P. McNab conducted a case against a Chinaman who, it was alleged, on the 4th inst. went to the U Fung rice-shop, No. 132 Wing Lok Street, with a forged bill, under the name of the Fong Yun Leung Shop, No. 232 Des Voeux Road West, ordering seven piculs of rice, value \$56. The rice was delivered and put into a boat lying off Praya West. The complainant, becoming suspicious, made enquiry from the Fong Yun Leung shop, who informed him they had not ordered any rice. Search was made and the rice found in a deserted boat. The defendant was arrested on the s.s. *Chung Kong* about to leave for the West River. His Worship committed him for trial at the coming assizes.

THE WINDSOR GARDEN CASE.

In this cross charge of assault Mr. D. V. Stevenson, who had appeared for Frederick Huber, the first complainant, on a previous occasion, said that his client desired to conduct his own case, with Mr. Stevenson to advise him as a friend. Mr. J. Hastings appeared for Max Jacobs, Max Jacobs, sworn deposed that in the beginning of March he and the defendant agreed to become partners in the Windsor Garden Restaurant. Huber applied for a license which was refused on the 29th March. He had been threatened by the defendant three days previously, the defendant saying that he heard that, on account of him, the license would not be granted. On another occasion defendant said he would shoot a man like a dog if he did anything against him. On the 2nd inst. complainant asked defendant for codfish's wages, and defendant answered that he did not want him to boil him. Defendant got up and gave him first blow and knocked him senseless. He walked into the dining room, called the boys, pointed out his face, asked for his jacket, and said he would go to the Police Station. The defendant said before he went he would have to settle with him. He struck him on the face, over the body, and knocked him down. He fell on his left shoulder.

The defendant cross-examined complainant, who said his name was not Freeman but Jacobs, and he had not been driven away as a "pinup" from India. He did not know Mr. Finbough in Calcutta. He never used the name of Fryman, nor knew No. 64 Grand Road, Bombay. He had never been before a Magistrate in India. He left India as a traveller in jewelry, and came to Hongkong as that. He shaved off his moustache because he chose to do so. He did not tell defendant that the local intelligence were searching for a man with a heavy black moustache. He had not made an extortive offer of settlement in reply to a letter from defendant. He got his Maltese puzzle as a present from a gentleman. He did not threaten a landlord to burn down a house if he would not lease it to him. He did not try to get their mastiff heavily insured. He did not blame defendant on an occasion for saying he only knew him for a short while.

After Mr. Warwick Peale, who happened to arrive at the Windsor Garden Restaurant at the time of the row, had been examined by Mr. Hastings he was cross-examined by the defendant. The defendant first of all explained that Mr. Warwick Peale and the complainant were friends from India, and that no later than yesterday they had been going up Wyndham Street arm in arm. He thought there was a plot against him. Interrogated by defendant, Mr. Peale said that he had introduced the partners, and if the restaurant was a success, he was to get a commission for introducing them. When they (defendant and Mr. Peale) shared a room

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E. A. BEWETT,
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Hongkong, 8th April, 1904.

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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the CLUB PAVILION at 5.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., to receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee and to elect a Committee for the ensuing year.

A. TURNER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of CAULKERS to the Naval Yard. For particulars and forms for tendering apply to the Chief Constructor's Office, Naval Yard.

F. B. OLLIS,
Chief Constructor.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1904.

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CITY OF MANILA.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock NOON, of the first day of JUNE, 1904, for the construction of the superstructure for a lift bridge over the Binondo canal in the City of Manila, in accordance with plans on file at the Office of the City Engineer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any application for repayment of the loan was issued by the Kwangtung Government on Kwang Hsu 26th year 12th moon 10th day (29th January, 1901), and became at once available for repayment of principal and interest upon presentation of the Bonds with the last coupons attached.

AND WHEREAS there are at date still outstanding and unpaid one bond with eleven coupons attached, one bond with ten coupons attached, three bonds with five coupons attached, forty-eight bonds with two coupons attached, and nineteen detached coupons, or a total of 51 coupons, all of which have been reported as lost or stolen.

AND WHEREAS there are still outstanding and unpaid one hundred and one other coupons regarding which no report has been received.

BIDS will be received (1st) for the delivery and erection of the structure complete in every respect and ready for use; (2nd) for the delivery at the wharf in Manila, free from all encumbrances, of all the structural material and machinery of every sort, ready for the erection of the bridge complete.

Each bid shall be accompanied by (1st) a stress sheet showing the maximum live and dead load stresses in each member together with the gross and net sections and the material of which each member is to be composed; (2nd) a certified check payable to the City of Manila in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) United States currency, or its equivalent, as a guarantee that the contractor will within ten (10) days from the awarding of the contract enter into contract with the City of Manila for the faithful performance of all the work above specified.

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PRINTED FORMS FOR BIDS, plans and all necessary information may be obtained at the Office of the City Engineer, Manila, P.I., Engineering News Publishing Co., 229 Broadway, New York City, and the Bureau of Insular Affairs, Washington, D.C.

The right is reserved by the City of Manila to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

By Direction of the Board,

JOHN M. TUTHER,
Secretary.

Manila, P.I., January 21st, 1904.

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THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

DENTISTRY.

DE. M. H. CHAUN,
27, DES VIGNES ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903.

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ENTERTAINMENT

AL FRESCO FEET.

On behalf of the
ORPHANS AND INVALIDS
of the
ITALIAN CONVENT.

To be held in the Compound of the ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING, the 10th APRIL, 1904, from 9 to 11 p.m.

The Superiorress while thanking the benevolent Friends and Benefactors of the Institution, for the many proofs she has had of their generosity, hopes to receive and merit a large share of Public Patronage.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1904.

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IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN OF 1895.

WHEREAS the BONDS issued for the IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN of 1895 provide that "Liabilities, contracted under the terms of this Loan are payable to bearer. Should this Bond be destroyed by fire or flood, the holder shall report the number of the Bond to the office of the Commissioner of Customs and obtain and deposit the guarantees of a substantial firm and shall make advertisement in the newspapers. If after the due date for payment, the Bond of this number shall not have been presented for payment, the said firm and the original holder may claim payment of the principal and interest according to the last Bond." If at any subsequent date this Bond be presented for payment, the original guaranteee shall be required to pay over the full amount due. In default the firm shall be fined double that amount. The proceeds of such fines shall be paid over to the Shan Hou Chu for public purposes. And the Bond also provides that on the due date for the payment of each instalment of principal and interest the Bond must be presented at the Customs Office for examination and payment. The Commissioner of Customs shall on each occasion cut off and retain one of the eleven coupons annexed. When after six years the full amount of principal and interest shall have been paid off the whole Bond shall be cancelled."

AND WHEREAS the final instalment for repayment of the loan was issued by the Kwangtung Government on Kwang Hsu 26th year 12th moon 10th day (29th January, 1901), and became at once available for repayment of the Bonds with the last coupons attached.

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THE JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN FORCES.

A correspondent writes as follows to the N.C. Daily News, under date Tokyo, 26th March:-

Owing to a very strict Press censorship as well as to the fact that the war correspondent in this city are greatly hampered by their complete ignorance of the language, customs, and back-stairs management of Japan, there has been hitherto a lack of information concerning the numerical strength and disposition of the Russian forces on Manchurian soil. At the beginning of hostilities the figures were approximately one hundred and fifty thousand, including all branches of the service. By 26th February there were twenty thousand more, mostly in the vicinity of Harbin. At the time of writing, however, the total Russian army in the Far East is about two hundred and ninety thousand, in round numbers. Two-thirds of this force are either between Mukden and Dairen, or concentrated around the former city, for it is felt, with justice, that if Mukden falls into Japanese hands the Chinese will be greatly encouraged in their desire to make common cause with their plucky neighbours. Even as matters now stand, popular opinion is, according to the latest news received from Tientsin, wholly in favour of a coalition with Japan; and this is also the great desire of that energetic Viceroy, Yuan.

Of the above total Russian forces, it is authoritatively stated that nearly fifty thousand are Cossack cavalry—the one branch of the Russian service wherewithal it would be folly for Japan to hope to compete successfully. For, as brave and enthusiastic as are the troops of the Mikado, they have neither the lances nor yet the seats of the Cossacks, whose home is, practically, the saddle. In the matter of artillery, represented by a force of not less than twenty thousand Russians, the Japanese have very much less to fear. The new Shimose powder, adopted now throughout the Japanese army and navy, is an explosive of the most scientific type and of truly terrible power. It is only three years ago that this powder was adopted, after a series of the most thorough and painstaking experiments. Dr. Shimose, the inventor, patriotically making a free-will offering of his explosive to the Government. And it is directly attributable to this magnificent powder that the Variegated and Korets had such short shrift at Cheliulpo, and the bombardment of the Russian fleet and forts at Port Arthur has been so effective. The Russian gunners, however keen, cannot stand against the quick-firing Arisaka guns and the Shimose powder.

With regard to the infantry, say two hundred thousand strong, the weight and dogged persistence of the Russian troops are more than counterbalanced by the enthusiasm and spirit de corps on the part of the Japanese. In the first memorable brush of 26th February the Japanese carried an important though small Russian outpost at the point of the bayonet. It is true that the Russians were taken completely by surprise, the attack being made an hour before dawn; still it has not hitherto been credited that a hand-to-hand encounter could be productive of such a result. In the Yalu valley time and again have similar skirmishes been reported, and in no instance have the Japanese had to fall back except when confronted by overwhelming numbers.

As for the Japanese armies, the original programme placed no more than twenty-five thousand on Korean soil, this force being deemed sufficiently strong to prevent a Russian invasion of the peninsula, or, at least, the necessity of a federal organisation for the Russian nation. They have imperatively come to the front. At the same time, the impossibility of further maintaining the absolute rule has become evident, even to the rulers themselves. Even members of the Imperial family, even M. Plehve, recognise that. Plehve has put ten years, the others five years, as the utmost time-limit for absolutism. War or no war, the absolute rule had to disappear. Under such circumstances, what can the war do but to impose new incredible sufferings upon the Russian nation and to postpone the solution of the great problems just named, to put an end to the great and broad popular agitation, and to reduce the little agitation that will be possible in war time to minor issues?"

"Great economical and political problems, he continues, such as the general impoverishment of the rural population of Central Russia, the industrial labourers' question, and the necessity of a federal organisation for the Russian nation have imperatively come to the front. At the same time, the impossibility of further maintaining the absolute rule has become evident, even to the rulers themselves. Even members of the Imperial family, even M. Plehve, recognise that. Plehve has put ten years, the others five years, as the utmost time-

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong, 8th April, 1904:-

"The market opened after the Easter holidays with a decidedly firmer tone, and rates in many of the leading stocks have improved materially;

a fair business has been transacted, chiefly in Indos, Banks, and Sugars, and the market closed comparatively active with a firm tendency."

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai. The

firms reported in our last circular continuing

and the demand remaining unsatisfied, the rates

quickly rose from \$617½ to \$64½, with inter-

mediate sales at \$625, \$630 and \$635. On

the Amori continent, in particular, are cele-

brated for their so-called "snow-maneuvring,"

and find little difficulty in being comfortable with the thermometer at zero. And in this connection

it is worthy of remark that the troops sent to

Manchuria in the war with China came almost

without exception from the central provinces,

where a very mild winter is the rule. None the

less, as your readers will remember, they made

a very good showing, and bore the almost arctic

temperature of the Manchurian mid-winter.

The footgear of these northern soldiers is instructive.

Every man has at least three pairs of waded

socks, fitting closely to thick cotton gaiters which

go up, very much after the manner of puttees to the knee. The gaiters are worn outside the thick woolen trousers for additional warmth.

The socks are, in accordance with time-honoured custom, digitated, and permit a thumb to be passed between the big and second toes. By means of this, though, invariably one of plaited rice-straw, a thick straw-sandal is fastened to the foot; or else a sandal with a corrugated rubber sole, which gives an excellent foothold in climbing, especially in wet weather. The sandals are extremely light, inexpensive, and may be changed in less than forty seconds. Even Europeans have found such footgear the best possible in mountaineering.

A word in conclusion as to one of Count Katsura's excellent little economies. It will be remembered that, last year, when the bubonic plague made its appearance in one or two of the ports and some inland towns, a premium was paid for rats by the authorities, these noxious rodents being bought up by tens of thousands and at "popular prices." Every rat was subjected to expert microscopic examination, with the result that by far the majority were pronounced bacilli-free. And what did the Premier do but have these rats skinned, their pelts carefully prepared—and turned into ear-protection for the troops, in anticipation of the coming campaign? Every Japanese soldier now has these indispensable adjuncts of his military toilet!

A feeling of perfect confidence prevails in the capital at the time of writing. Japan has the command of the sea, and firmly believes that she will drive the Russians back across the Amur.

RUSSIAN REFORM.

Prince Kropotkin contributes an interesting article to the Speaker on the war in the Far East. After passing in review the causes which led Russia to occupy the Amur territory and to build the Siberian and Manchurian railways, Prince Kropotkin says:-

"Looking upon all these events, I cannot but say that it was a misfortune for the Russian nation that no other civilised nation had taken possession of Northern Manchuria. The whole history of that part of the world would have taken another turn if, let us say, the United States had got the hold of this territory. The colonisation of the Amur and that railway across Manchuria have cost the Russian people immense sums; but this territory will never be Russian. It will be invaded very soon by Chinese, Corean, and Japanese settlers, while Russian settlers will never find a home in that region of monsoons. More than that. Even as a protection against a possible march of the yellow race against Europe, Manchuria would be of no avail. This is why, before the present war broke out, so many Russians advocated that the Manchurian Railway, or, at least, its southern portion to Port Arthur, should be sold to China—a solution which might have been possible then, but now that floods of blood are going to be shed there, would be impossible."

The writer combats the notion that the war with Japan will help internal reform in Russia. Far from aiding the revolutionary movement, it will, he contends, retard it.

"Great economical and political problems, he continues, such as the general impoverishment of the rural population of Central Russia, the industrial labourers' question, and the necessity of a federal organisation for the Russian nation have imperatively come to the front. At the same time, the impossibility of further maintaining the absolute rule has become evident, even to the rulers themselves. Even members of the Imperial family, even M. Plehve, recognise that. Plehve has put ten years, the others five years, as the utmost time-

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1904. [923]

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E. GOETZ, Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [923]

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 April 8, MELITA, French str., 700, Le Prévost, Saigon 2nd April, Flot.—BRADLEY & CO.
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DEPARTURES.

8th April
 ALACRITY, British str., for Mira Bay.
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 AUSTRALIAN, British str., for Australia.
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 CHINA, German str., for Saigon.
 CHINTU, British str., for Australia.
 FOOSHING, British str., for Singapore.
 HAILOONG, British str., for Tamsui.
 HANGANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 KWANTUNG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 LOONGSANG, British str., for Manila.
 PITCHAUER, German str., for Swatow.
 PITMANLUOK, German str., for Bangkok.
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Hongkong, 27th February, 1904.

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HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY SERVICE.

THE Compagnie Steamer

"PAUL BEAU,"

Captain Frangne, leaves Hongkong for Canton at 11 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following day, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking passengers and cargo as usual.

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These two magnificent and up-to-date steamers are lighted with Electricity.

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First Class European ... \$8.00

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**OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 10th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 10th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 24th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 1st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	On 7th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 13th May.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 12th April.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 14th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 10th May.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 20th May.

* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"HYSON"	On 19th April.
The ss. "ANHUI" left Port Darwin on the 30th inst., for Manila and Hongkong.		

FoR Freight, apply to—

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**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

STEAMERS TO SAIL.
* "ANHUI" On 15th April.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table A, duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking cargo on through bills of lading into all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS (See Special Advertisement).

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.**

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
PAQUEBOIS-POSTE FRANCAISE**

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "SALAZIER," Captain Nogre, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 18th April. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contests and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

6. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1904. [12]

NATAI LINE OF STEAMERS

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STATE NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailing from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight. For Freight and further particulars, apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [18]

FOR CANTON.

THE new fast Twin-Screw Steamer "SAN CHEUNG," 951 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for Canton at 8.30 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUES-DAYS and THURSDAYS and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.

First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.50 each way. Meals, \$1 each. Cargo freight very moderate.

CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., No. 147, Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. [72]

ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, JULY TO DECEMBER 1903. With INDEX. Price \$7.50. On sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 25th March, 1904. [72]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

STEAMSHIP "ANAM." COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo from London exs. "Adour," "Cordonier" and "Dordogne," from Havre exs. "Aude" and "Dordogne," in connection with above steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before noon, To-day, the 4th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 11th April, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before Monday, the 11th April, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 11th April, at 3 P.M.

No fire insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904. [2]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ARTEMISIA."

Captain Gronnauer, having arrived from the above ports, Consignee of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon, To-day, the 5th inst.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 3 P.M.

No fire insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office,

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [953]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (Florio and Rabatino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE

THE steamship

"CAPRI."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignee of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the Godown Company, within seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

No fire insurance has been effected, and any goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th instant, will be subject to rent.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Visitors to London should use

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [4]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BEN LAWERS" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained from the wharves.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 19th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 11 A.M.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [960]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE VIA MOJI AND AMOY.

THE J. C. L. Lijn Steamship

"TJIMAH."

Captain Van Wyk Gurniense, having arrived from the above ports, Consignee of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after Wednesday, 13th April, will be subject to rent.

All claims for damage must be sent in before Monday, 11th April, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

The steamer will be despatched for Singapore, Balavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar, on the 10th April, at daylight.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING COMPANY.

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1904. [967]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBT'S.

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during the stay in Hongkong Harbour.

First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.50 each way. Meals, \$1 each.

Cargo freight very moderate.

CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,

No. 147, Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. [72]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

BOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LYRA" FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKO-HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignee of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [72]

NOTICE TO CONSIG

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	FROM	PEE	DATE
Singapore	Holstein	9th, 10.00 A.M.	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Apearade	10.00 A.M.	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., via Taticorin			Saturday, 9th,
(Lat. 1° 30' N.) to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Printed Matter and Samples	10.00 A.M.	Printed Matter and Samples
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	10.00 A.M.	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	Letters	11.00 A.M.	Letters
Singapore	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Ujina	10.00 A.M.	10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Hengshan	1.15 P.M.	1.15 P.M.
J. moon	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
zhi	Saturday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Johann Malta	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Frikhof	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Thales	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Bentwaters	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Charterhouse	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Tungching	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Taichan	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Hoifu	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Wingchau	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
P. ashidde	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Tatchan	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Hoifu	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Wingchau	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Cepri	Monday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.	Monday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.	Monday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Haitan	Tuesday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.	Tuesday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.	Wednesday, 13th,
Europe, &c., India via Taticorin	Printed Matter and Samples	10.00 A.M.	Printed Matter and Samples
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	10.00 A.M.	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	Letters	11.00 A.M.	Letters
Singapore, Penang and Calonita	Hamburg		
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Oregon	Kumsong		
Kobe	Nicemeda		
Manila	Anting		
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Rubi		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.)			
Europe, &c., India via Taticorin	Doric		
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)			
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)			
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Solazie		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Empress of India		
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver	Athenaeum		

EUROPE, &c., India via Taticorin	TO-DAY.	The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Achilles</i> left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 10th inst., at daylight.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		The C.N. steamer <i>Anhui</i> left Port Darwin on the 30th ult. for Manila and Hongkong.
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		The steamer <i>Susuma</i> left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 2nd inst.
Registration.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails and for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before the time for closing, for India, North Pacific and Torres Straits mails up to half an hour before. For mails for Europe, America and Canada, registration closes one hour before, but letters for Canada may be registered with a late fee up to a quarter of an hour before the time of closing the ordinary mails.		The C.C. steamer <i>Claverley</i> arrived at Kobe the 5th inst., and is due here on the 16th inst. on the O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Pinguiney</i> left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th ult. for Japan and Hongkong.
ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.82		The A.A. steamer <i>Claverley</i> , from New York, left Singapore on the 30th ult., p.m. for Manila, and is due here on the 13th inst.
Bank Bills, on demand 1.82		The P. & A. steamer <i>Indraveli</i> left Yokohama on the 4th inst., and is due here on 14th inst.
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.82		The E. & A. steamer <i>Empire</i> left Sydney on the 30th ult. for Queensland ports and Hongkong.
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1.92		The C.P.R. steamer <i>Taritar</i> left Vancouver for Hongkong via the usual ports of call on the 31st ult.
Documentation Bills, 4 months' sight 1.92		The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer <i>Shawmut</i> left Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 1st inst.
Bills, on demand 2.13		The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Agamemnon</i> should leave Victoria (B.C.) for Japan and Hongkong on the 21st inst.
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.22		
ON GERMANY.— On demand 1.77		
ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 424		
Credit, 60 days' sight 43		
ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 129		
Bank on demand 1.91		
COMMERCIAL.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	8th April.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.82	STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.	
Bank Bills, on demand 1.82	Mar. 1st—Caithness, Pitvisie, 8th—Jeseric, Jason, Sibh, 11th—Achilles, Louis Trader, Marquis Bacchus, Arabia, 15th—Armenia, Glenshield, Kelvin, Maria, Meridian, Standard, St. Kilda, 18th—Alcester, Adessa, Breslau, Voronezh, 22nd—Hysen, Manila, Oldenburg, Arragon, Orange, Noss, Paterno, Thysa, 23rd—Arragon, Strasbourg, Palma, Solvay, 29th—Aragonica, Mactan, Aegeis, Radnorshire, C. Ferd. Laces, Benmar, Sivion, April 5th—Australian, Peru, Bayern, Moyne, Devalon, Ella, Theodoric, Keenan, Sagami, Giral.	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.82	ARRIVALS AT HOME.	
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1.92	Mar. 4th—Glenavy, Firths, Yaughta, 7th—Japan, 8th—Glenavy, Georgian Prince, 11th—Ernest Simons, Sachsen, 15th—Himeria, Ambro Princess Marie, 18th—Lochter Castle, Syria, Hindobea, Marie Valeria, 22nd—Yarra, Nestor, 25th—Gera, Nubia, 29th—Wurzburg, Glenelg, Denbighshire, April 5th—Sedalia, Toidor, Kintuck, Hudson.	
Documentation Bills, 4 months' sight 1.92		
Bills, on demand 2.13	PASSENGERS.	
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.22	ARIVED.	
ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 1.82	Per Melita, from Saigon, Marquis de Barolles.	
ON MANILA.— Nominal	Per Chongz, from Shanghai, Mr. R. Eastlock, and Miss E. Plinston, from Swatow, Mrs. Eastlock.	
ON SINGAPORE.— On demand 1.82	Per Athenean, from Vancouver (B.C.) for Hongkong, Lt. Col. C. N. Watts, Miss Baba, Emily, Princess Marie, 18th—Lochter Castle, Syria, Hindobea, Marie Valeria, 22nd—Yarra, Nestor, 25th—Gera, Nubia, 29th—Wurzburg, Glenelg, Denbighshire, April 5th—Sedalia, Toidor, Kintuck, Hudson.	
ON HATHONG.— On demand 1.82	For Athenean, from Vancouver (B.C.) for Hongkong, Lt. Col. C. N. Watts, Miss Baba, Emily, Princess Marie, 18th—Lochter Castle, Syria, Hindobea, Marie Valeria, 22nd—Yarra, Nestor, 25th—Gera, Nubia, 29th—Wurzburg, Glenelg, Denbighshire, April 5th—Sedalia, Toidor, Kintuck, Hudson.	
ON SAIGON.— On demand 1.82		
ON BANGKOK.— On demand 624		
SOVEREIGN BANK'S Buying Rate \$1.40		
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 59.70		
BAE SILVER, 60 oz. 23%		

VESSEL EXPECTED.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.		
The C.P.R. steamer <i>Empress of India</i> arrived at Nagasaki at 6.30 p.m. on the 7th inst., and left again at 5 a.m. on the 8th for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 5 p.m. on the 9th inst.		
THE GERMAN MAIL.		
The Imperial German mail steamer <i>Hamburg</i> left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 4th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 12th inst.		
THE INDIAN MAIL.		
The steamer <i>Gregory Apear</i> , from Calcutta, left 1.82 for this port on the 7th inst., p.m.		
The Indo-China steamer <i>Laisang</i> left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 1st inst., and may be expected here on the 17th inst.		
THE AMERICAN MAIL.		
The P.M. steamer <i>Siberia</i> left San Francisco for the port via Honolulu, &c., on the 23rd ult.		
THE MERCHANT SHIPS.		
The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Jason</i> left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 10th inst., at daylight.		

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	
7.30 a.m.	8.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m.	8.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m.	9.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
10.00 a.m.	12.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m.	1.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m.	1.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m.	2.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m.	2.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
2.45 p.m.	3.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
3.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
4.30 p.m.	5.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
5.30 p.m.	6.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
6.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
7.00 p.m.	7.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
7.45 p.m.	8.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
8.15 p.m.	8.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
8.45 p.m.	9.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
9.15 p.m.	10.15 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
10.15 p.m.	every 1 hour.

SUNDAYS.

SUNDAYS.	
8.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m.	9.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes.
9.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m.	1.15 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m.	2.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m.	3.15 p.m. ... Every

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LAGDEN'S LUCK,
(A STRANGE LOVE STORY),
BY
TOM GALLON.

(Author of "Tatterley," "The Mystery of John Peppercorn," &c.)

CHAPTER I.

TO DIE BEFORE MIDNIGHT!

Mr. Clement Frith was in low water. Let it not be supposed for a moment that the condition was a strange one; if any seeming luck had ever floated Mr. Clement Frith, for a giddy hour or so, it had generally landed him, in the end, on some uninhabited poverty-stricken island, or on some shoal, or up some forgotten backwater; certainly never on any full stream of success. Looking back over some forty-five or fifty years of life, Mr. Clement Frith might have said he had taken many tides at the flood, and been landed again and again in anything but a land of Fortune.

Mr. Clement Frith described himself, in various small advertisements and to his friends, as a Commission Agent—which meant, in his case, that he was an agent without the commission. Did you desire to rent a house or to let one, Mr. Clement Frith would have been prepared to lift the trouble of the business from your shoulders—for a consideration; were you anxious to buy anything—from a boat to a building estate—Mr. Frith was your man. It happened, however, that but few people had any real belief in the business abilities of Mr. Clement Frith; so that his talents rusted somewhat, for want of use.

Mr. Frith resided in what he was pleased to call Kensington; cynical people called it Baywater. It was that part of Kensington which has seen better days, and which embraces a multitude of shabby little streets and squares, and mean shops and poor houses; altogether a neighbourhood that lifts a struggling head with difficulty against the stream of life, and wonders a little, perhaps, how it manages to keep itself afloat.

There had been, some few years before this story opens, a Mrs. Clement Frith; it might be said that she had drifted out of the world from the want of those shadowy commissions which never came. She had hoped for them, and longed for them; had struggled along, in some miraculous fashion, until she had ceased to believe in them; and she had given up the struggle all together. With a faint expression of hope that they might some day come, she had gone away to a world where they are not necessary.

She left the burden of the business to her daughter Dora. Little Dora had known it from the beginning; on her wise and capable little head fell the real management of the house. But little more than a child at the time, and with four other children younger than herself dependent upon her efforts, she set her pretty, determined face against the world, and held the thing together. There was no hope in her heart of anything but that one fierce struggle against poverty and disaster; only the one passionate desire to keep that hungry wolf she had known from babbyhood from the door, and feed those she loved.

Let it be admitted at once that Mr. Clement Frith was hopeless. Absorbed in grief at the loss of his wife, he gave up the search for the commissions that never came, but accepted without question the food that was put before him. If sometimes he railed at the world, he was consoled in the evening, when time his young daughter put his glass near to his hand, and filled and lit his pipe for him. And the moral actions he was able at that wretched hour to present to his children ought, had they been duly observed, to have made the fortunes of every one of them. Dora said nothing about the axioms; her poor tired little brain was hard at work planning how to get through the next day, and many next days after that.

There had been a small romance in the life of little Dora Frith. She was only twenty years ago now; and the romance had come to her some three years before. Quite a poor and ordinary story; of a young lad who loved her, and, in direct consequence, was going to set the world very much ablaze for her sake. Finding that things did not light up very well at home, he set his eager face for the other side of the world; he was to come back in something less than six months, with more gold than he could conveniently carry.

The astute reader will, of course, understand that he never came back at all. A pair of girlish eyes followed eagerly and anxiously the course which the good ship that carried him took; until that day came, when a newspaper paragraph or two announced the fact that the good ship had gone down; and although a few boats had got away, those boats had never been seen again. In a word, poor Frank Dorne had gone to look for his fortune at the bottom of the restless sea. Thereafter, little Dora Frith (with a few cheap touches of black about her dress) buried her small romance in her breast, and set to work to fight the world for others.

Things had gone from bad to worse, as time went on. Dora taught a few unsatisfactory pupils how to torture their friends with "The Maiden's Prayer" and "Silvery Waves"; and they mostly forgot to pay her; she wore out her tired eyes, night after night at fine needle-work for more fortunate folk; she sometimes endeavoured to urge her father to do something. Most difficult business of all, she made excuses to impudent tradesmen, and paid off one small debt by making another.

At last the small house in the small square in that dubious part of Kensington had come to such a state of siege, that something drastic had to be done. The busy girl—keeping the matter from her father—cleared out two rooms at the top of the house, and afterwards put the best furniture there; then (while that father was absent during the day on unknown expeditions) exhibited a card in a lower window, delicately inscribed—"Apartments."

In that she was lucky; the rooms were taken within forty-eight hours. She named what seemed to be absolutely impossible terms; practically enough to keep the family for a week; and the terms were accepted without demur. She mentioned the lodger in her grateful prayers to a smiling Heaven that very night.

Mr. Clement Frith was, of course, filled with boundless astonishment when he heard the news; yet he borrowed five shillings from his daughter's little store on the strength of it. It was very curious concerning the new lodger that evening, while he sat over his glass.

"I do not like the idea, my dear Dora, of a stranger entering the sacred precincts of my use," he said—"and the arrangement will, of course, be only temporary. When the world is us, we must endeavour to live upon the world. I trust this man is respectable?"

He seems very respectable, father," said D. mildly. "He is rather elderly, with grey hair, and he merely wished to be left alone, and was not quite sure how long he would stay. He particularly desired to be denied to any who might call and make enquiries about him."

"And mysterious," said Mr. Clement Frith. But after all, it is no concern of ours if the emblem changes to immure himself here, it were away from the world. That he should for what he has is the chief consider-

ation. I regret, however, my dear Dora," he added, with a melancholy shake of the head. "I very deeply regret that you did not first consult me, before taking such a step as this."

"I never care to trouble you about these matters, father, dear," she replied quietly. "I have always tried to manage as well as I could."

Some shame in the man made him avert his eyes from her when he spoke again. "Of course I never intended that you should have to trouble about such matters," he said—"but I have been somewhat unfortunate. If your brother George were not a lazy young scoundrel," he went on, with sudden heat; but she checked him quickly.

"Father—you shouldn't say that," George had been unfortunate, too; he has lost various situations I managed to get for him; but he's a good fellow really—at heart."

Mr. Clement Frith sat silent for some time; at last he looked up with a brighter face.

"My dear Dora," he said, "I have a curious feeling that this—this sojourner in our midst is going to make some difference to us. To have been what one might term stagnant for some time; I feel that she will move. This gentleman may be, after all, a man who has heard of us, or who . . . by the way, what did you say his name was?"

"I really forgot to ask him," said Dora. "But I dare say he'll tell me, in case of letters arriving for him."

As the days went on no letters arrived, and no name was given. The new lodger was a singularly quiet man, who never went out, and who passed about his room all day long, or sat by the window (the back window for preference) smoking many pipes. He always had a cheery word for Dora when she went up to him, and the one general servant of the household, by name Anna Nudt—grew quite rich in surerous shillings. More than that, the three younger children, scrambling about the house, met the grave-faced, grey-haired man occasionally on the stairs, and were observed to pay hurried visits to sweetmeat shops in the neighbourhood. Altogether an exceptional sort of lodger, this man of no name.

One day a curious thing happened. A man called at the house—late on a summer evening, when it was growing dark—and enquired if a Mr. Legden lived there. The servant said "no." Then the man waited in the hall, and asked who had been up to him, and asked the new tenant if the visitor was for him.

"Who wants a Mr. Legden," she said, in a low voice.

The lodger did a curious thing. He caught her suddenly by the arm and pulled her into the room, putting a heavy hand over her lips. "No, it's not me," he whispered quickly.

"You haven't said anything about me?" She helplessly shook her head, while she started at him. She noticed that his face was very white, and that he was breathing so quickly that the muscles of his throat were swelling and heaving while he stood looking at her.

"What looking man is this?" he whispered.

She nodded, and he dropped his hand from her lips. "Yes—certainly a gentleman," she said, "tall, with rather nice eyes; speaks with a slow voice."

The man muttered something; it sounded like "Of course not, father, dear," she said. "But I don't understand what you mean?"

"My dear girl—dying men sometimes take strange fancies, in which case we must, if it be profitable, humour them. Be prepared, dear son, for anything that may happen."

"Do you understand?"

"Yes; I'll tell him so," replied Dora, and ran downstairs.

The visitor went away, evidently half-satisfied; and Dora returned to her duties, wondering a little what it all meant. When the next day, another man called, and merely stated that he wanted to see the gentleman who lodged there, she remembered the instructions she had received, and—fearful of losing one who paid so well—declared that no one lodged there at all.

Mr. Clement Frith was away the greater part of the next day; he came home in high spirits, of course, having been home in high spirits the day before, and the man returned to him. On the very next morning he railed down for him. On the very next night of the doctor's visit, when Dora, worn out with the excitements of the day, was sitting by the fire, her father took her in his arms, and spoke strongly to her.

"My dear child," he said—"it is sometimes given, even to the humblest of us, to help those near and dear to us. It may be given to you to do that; there may be a strange fortune waiting for you. Ask me nothing, my child; rely on your poor old father to pull you through. My dear—you would not deserve it if it came to the point of deciding what to do?"

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It was only natural, of course, that Mr. Clement Frith, having, like the lodger, no occupation, and being, moreover, devoured by curiosity as to what the mystery was which surrounded that lodger, should approach the latter in a friendly spirit. So it came about that he, on more than one occasion, took his glass and his pipe upstairs; so that, while little Dora Frith worked, and the children played and talked with her, the murmur of voices could be heard from above. Mr. Clement Frith, after one or two of these visits, let it be known that his opinion of the man who practically kept the household going was that he was "a gentleman who had seen much of the world: in all probability a man of science, who had retired into their midst in order to complete some great work." Dora felt relieved, but wondered what the great work was. For, as a matter of fact, the small amount of writing she had seen, when the mysterious one had occasion to write at all, had been of a somewhat illiterate sort.

The tall man with the slow voice who had enquired before for a Mr. Legden, came again; this time he wanted to know if he could have a room in the house. Dora told him that they had no room to let, and he smiled, and thanked her; apologised, and went away. She told the lodger about that; and the lodger not only walked about all day, but all that night, too—to the great disturbance of the household.

The next day the man was taken ill, and kept his bed. When Mr. Clement Frith, in some alarm, went up to see him, the man had his face turned to the wall, and spoke only in whispers.

"I sincerely hope, my dear sir," said Mr. Frith, plucking with a nervous hand at his chin.

"I sincerely trust that you are not really ill."

"Yes, I am," said the man, in a gruff whisper. "I know the symptoms; you don't. I've had it before—but not so badly as this. The first was a warning; this means death."

Mr. Clement Frith, in great alarm, murmured something unintelligible, and ran down to find his daughter—that prop and stay on which he had so often leaned. In her own quick, practical way she suggested the obvious course.

"We must have a doctor," she said.

"I never thought of that," said Mr. Frith wistfully. "But wouldn't it be better to ask him about it?"

"I'll go up myself," she said. "Come along, father, and do please bring me about it."

Mr. Clement Frith had ever been firm about anything he had long since got out of practice; he smiled feebly, and followed his daughter. The sick man seemed glad of her fresh young presence in the room; he turned round, and looked at her with a curious smile.

"Come—come!" she said brightly. "This won't do at all! You're not going to die; who ever heard of such a thing? Well get a doctor for you, and you'll be all right in no time at all."

"Ah—you don't understand," said the man. "However—just to please you, I don't mind having a doctor; only I'll have my own."

"By all means!" exclaimed Mr. Clement Frith eagerly. "One feels confidence in one's own

medical adviser; it is half the battle. To whom shall we send?"

The man drew the small table beside his bed towards him, and quietly wrote with pencil, in that stiff, cramped handwriting of his, a name and an address; these he handed to the girl. "I should like to see him to-night," he said.

The paper bore the name of a certain Dr. Nathaniel Sime; and this same doctor lived in a small street in Chelsea. The elder son of the family living, as usual, nothing particular to do, was despatched to find him; and returned in very quick time with the man. He was a tall, cadaverous-looking individual, who said nothing as he entered the place, but marched straight upstairs in the wake of Mr. Clement Frith to see his patient.

He was closeted with the man for more than an hour, and during that time Mr. George Frith—ne'er-do-well son of his father—entered, and his brothers and sisters with some account of the strange doctor.

"Rummett shop I ever saw," he said. "Hadn't got a surgery or a decent house like anybody else; seemed scarcely to be known in the place at all. Laughed when I called him Dr. Sime; kept on laughing to himself all the way in the cab. I do hope it's all right."

"Father—why couldn't you tell me all this before? Why have you plotted with this man?"

"Plotted! Really, my dear child!"

"Why does he want to marry me if he is dying?"

"The fancy of a sick and lonely man. Perhaps he wishes to feel that you will remember him better if you bear his name. Remember it is nothing but a mere formality; the man is dying."

"It is absolutely certain that he cannot last until midnight," said another voice. Dora, looking up, saw Dr. Nathaniel Sime standing in the doorway, with his deep-set eyes turned upon her.

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Russia:—St. Petersburg, 1881; Port Arthur and Taliqwan Agreement, 1883.

Po-tugal, 1888.

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TREATIES WITH COREA

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United States, 1882; Great Britain, 1893.

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